Near-Future
Science-Fiction
Action

Act 21

[Decisive Battle in Akihabara]

COPPELION

Special Forces against radiation

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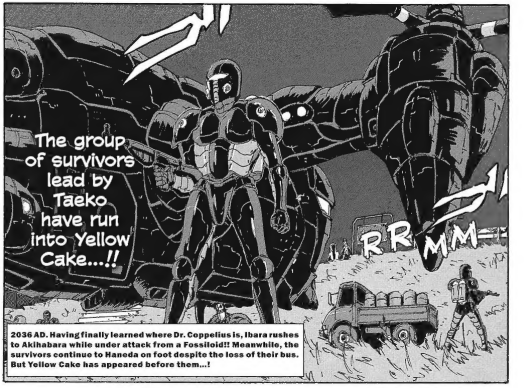
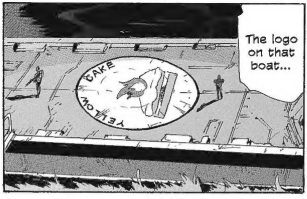

The group of survivors lead by Taeko have run into Yellow Cake...!!
RR MM
2036 AD. Having finally learned where Dr. Coppelius is, Ibara rushes to Akihabara while under attack from a Fossiloid!! Meanwhile, the survivors continue to Haneda on foot despite the loss of their bus. But Yellow Cake has appeared before them...!

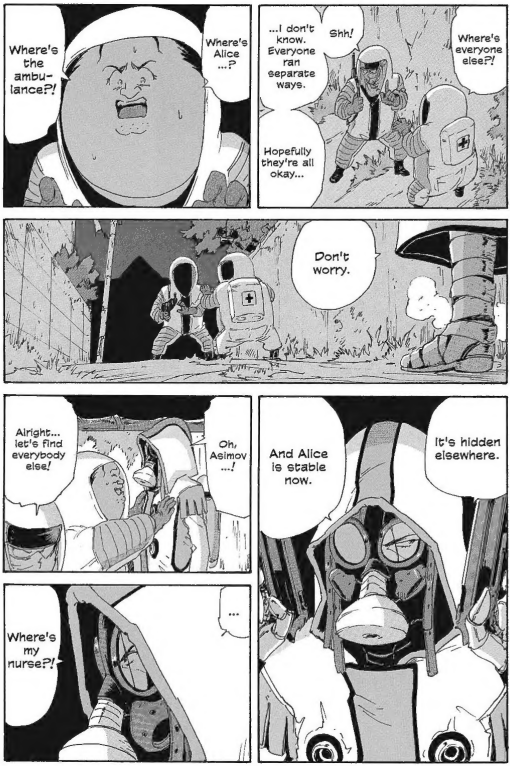

YELLOW CAKE
The logo on that boat...

It's Yellow Cake!

They're ...
What's this...?!

Some-one's up there!
Who's that?!
Quickly!
KCH K
Everyone, run!
BL AM
BL AM
Scatter! Hide in the city!
Wahhh!
Don't let them get away!
RA
TA
TA
Gun-fire!
Move the shelter ambu-lance!

...P!
CLACK
CLACK
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Good God! Don't scare me like that!
It's me, the roofer!
Hey!
Eep!


Where's the ambu-lance?!
Where's Alice ...?
...I don't know. Everyone ran separate ways.
Shh!
Where's everyone else?!
Hopefully they're all okay...
Don't worry.
Alright... let's find everybody else!
Oh, Asimov ...!
And Alice is stable now.
It's hidden elsewhere.
Where's my nurse?!
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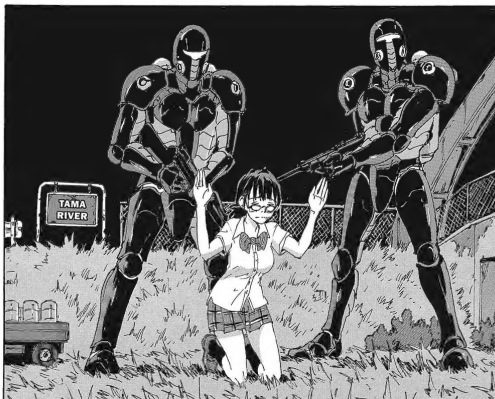
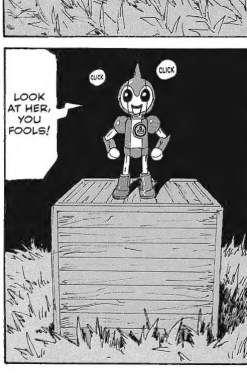

TAMA
RIVER

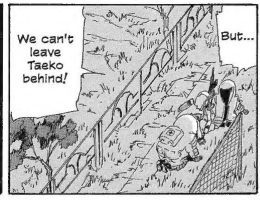

LOOK AT HER, YOU FOOLS!
CLICK
CLICK

WHO'S THIS GIRL?

We don't know. She shot at us, so we captured her.

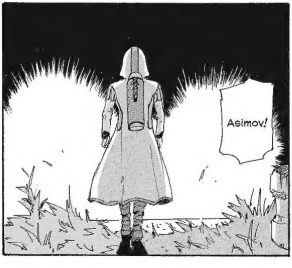
SHE'S A COPPE-LION!
SHE'S NOT WEARING A HAZMAT SUIT.
RATTLE
ウィーン
VMM
TAKE HER TO THE BOAT!
VMM
They're taking her onto the boat!
Look...! They've got her!
YELLOW
What do we do?! Poor Taeko will be...

They're after any kind of data...
Data.
ELLOW CAKE
Whether good or bad. And then...
Asimov...?
They'll dissect her?!
Are you saying ...
...after they've extracted all the data they can, they'll...
She risked her life to protect you.
Do you think she'd want you to do that?
Wait!
KCHK
Shit! I'll get her back!


We can't leave Taeko behind!
But...

I'll figure some-thing out.
I'm still a member of Yellow Cake.

Mama Akiko.
Take everyone on ahead.
What?!


Asimov!

That's crazy!
Wait, Asimov!

VROOM
100
I'll infiltrate Softmap to look for Dr. Copperlius! In the meantime—
BOOM BOOM BOOM
Naruse! What are you gonna do when we get to Akiba?!
Kanda! Akiba's just ahead!
Where are we now?!
RATATATA
100
I know that!
The Edon Type-O's falling behind!
I'm all out of ammo!
You want us to keep leading that thing around?! Hell no!

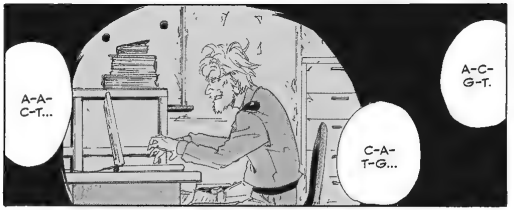
BWOOM
It's spitting fire... like it's out of ammo, too!
...
Hot, hot, hot!
FWOOM
Gah!
We're here!
Akihabara is across this bridge!

Thanks, Mr. Mask-maker!
Miss Rep!
Soft-map is over there!
KRRSH
TUMP
KRRSH
KRRSH

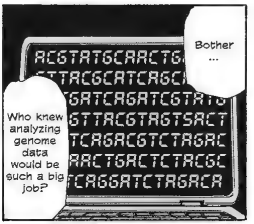
SOFTMAP
A-ha!
This is it!
SOFTMA
Mr. Mushanokoji!
Is this urgent?!
!
Keiko Tentative Date Time Machine
I learned something else about Setsuna Itami's origin—
But forget that...
You didn't hear me talking this whole time?!

A lawsuit?!
USED
BOOKS/DVDS
GAMES
DRAGON
What for?!
I'm not sure what to make of it, but...
Dr. Coppelius—Matasaburo Itami, that is...
...filed a lawsuit in 1995, when he was 27 years old.
Apparently...
...he was fighting with his daughter Setsuna's mother over child custody... and lost!
What the heck? Sounds intense...
Were they getting divorced?!
No—they weren't married!
The woman conceived Setsuna through artificial insemination.

That he didn't have a wife, and it wasn't like he wanted a kid.
Come to think of it, Dr. Coppelius said something like that...
3F
Then why did he bother having her conceived in the first place?!
What ...?!
...
Nothin' to do but to ask the man himself!
WHY MAKE A CHILD HE DIDN'T WANT WITH A WOMAN HE DIDN'T LOVE...
...AND THEN FIGHT FOR CUSTODY OF HER?!
HE REALLY IS MAD!

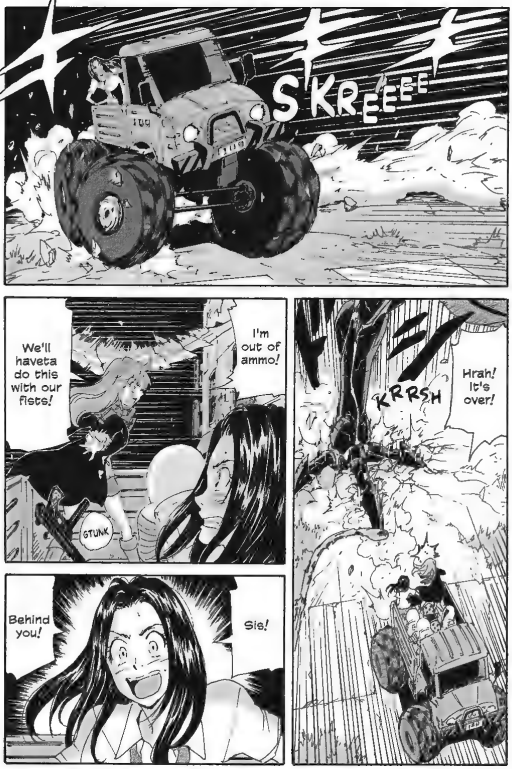

A-A-C-T...
C-A-T-G...
A-C-G-T.

And their arrangement determines your entire fate, hm...?
FLICK
Four nucleobases...


Who knew analyzing genome data would be such a big job?
Bother...

Father, listen... Tomorrow, Father...

So, um... if you'd like—
I got the lead role for the first time.
...I have a ballet recital.
To-mor-row ...
I have no interest in dance! Hush!
Shut up! Go away!
The particles singing with delight... Bravo!
Hahaha...! I can hear it!
Yes... This time I'll suc-ceed!
Heheh! I'll show those fools who looked down on me!


SKREEEE
I'm out of ammo!
We'll haveta do this with our fists!
GTUNK
Hrah! It's over!
KRRSH
Behind you!
Sis!

WHAM
Oh, no! The Unimog —
KRAASH
FSSSH
Wahhh !!

COMPUTER PARTS
WE BUY USE

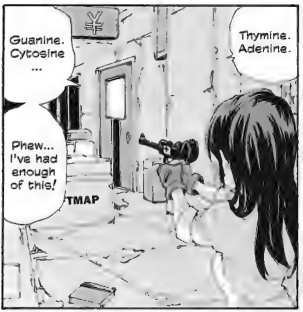
KR
RRRSH

Meow.

Retreat
!!

KREE

KRISSH
KRISSH
KRISSH
CLANK
Wahh !!
We lost the car!
Oh, no ...!


Guanine. Cytosine ...
Thymine. Adenine.
Phew... I've had enough of this!
TMAP

GAME HALL

SOFTMAP
FIGURES
20% OFF
20% OFF
GODZILLA

KA
BOOM

CLOP
STAFF ONLY
KACHAK
Hoho ...
Good thing I set that trap.
?!

So she learned! I wasn't expecting that!
DASH!
Ohhh ...!
Doctor !!
STOMP
You can't trick me twice!
STOMP
STOMP
Give yourself up already!
Wait!
SOFTMAP
BAM
5F
As if I would!
HOP
Hop!

...!
HWOOOO
BLIP
Freeze!

I'm extremely serious about this, you know.
... Representative...
SWISH
HUFF
Your little game is over now!
Put the computer down!
HUFF
Mata-saburo Itami.
No...
Dr. Coppelius ...
!
How much do you know?
Clawed through my private life, have you?

Why did you need Setsuna Itami?!
Tell me...

You had a woman you didn't love give birth to a child you didn't want...
What on Earth were you trying to do...?
And then even went after the child in court.

...?!

You see, what I wanted was...
Perhaps you still don't understand.

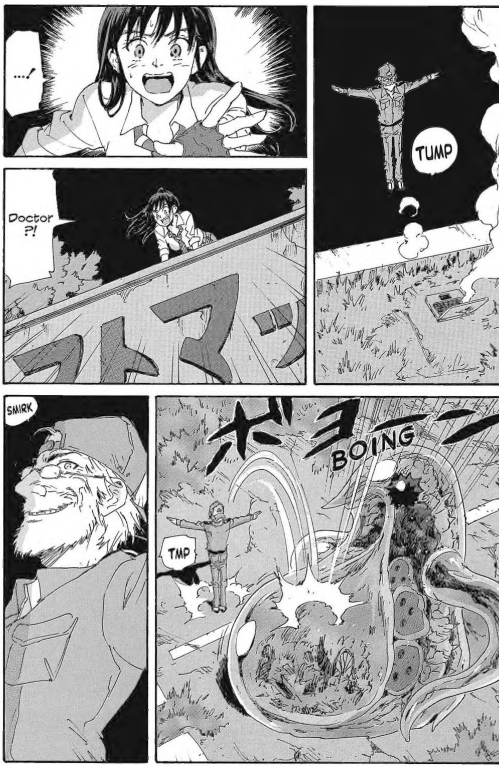
That trial took place *before* Setsuna was born.
Your intel has an inconsistency, representative Ibara.

I wanted a human embryo, before it developed into a fetus.
...an *embryo*.
I had to have one for the cloning experiments I was undertaking at the time.
But using a stranger's embryo could become an issue, legally or ethically.
So...
I decided to use my *own* offspring.

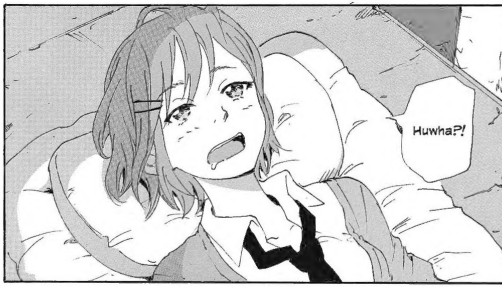
The woman I *paid* suddenly wanted parental rights!
And yet!
That's why I hate women!
Suddenly she'd become "attached" to the embryo, or fetus, or some such...
...
Disappointed, representative?
That's enough talking!
Stop!
I play with lives—I'm an irredeemable human.
But now you know...
You wanted to "save" me, yes?

BLAM
Wouldn't you agree?
I'm not worth saving.
Come here!
Your research is over now.
!
RISH
...the nuclear war game you began!
We have to stop...
I'll return Aoi Fukasaku to you.
SWISH
Repre-sentative Ibara.

I no longer need her...
...now that I have the data for her genome map.
FWAP
Hand it over, Doctor! You can't escape!
Crap... You already finished it?!
I just came up with a saying!
"An *arthropoda crustacea cladocera* in need is a friend indeed!"


....!
TUMP
Doctor ?!
SWIRK
ボヨヨーン
BOING
TMP

SHFF
SHFF
Well done, Chimera! Mwahahaha!
Aoiii !!


Huwha?!

We're gonna save Dr. Coppelius!
ANAMI
Come on!
Recover Aoi's genome map from Dr. Coppelius, girls!
...?!
to be continued...